[Mr. K. R. Elankath.]

than the annual income collected on it by Government by way of tolls from the Monday Market alone. I cannot but observe that the unscrupulous carelessness which hitherto characterised the attitude of the Government with regard to the maintenance of this road, on which buses and cars owned by private companies and individuals were plying, has come to cease and that they have now, out of consideration for the safety of their property, at last brought forward this demand.

Mr. Kochikal P. Balakrishnan Tampi : Is the expression " unscrupulous " parliamentary, Sir.

President : Unscrupulous in individuals is unparliamentary, but not so in respect of Government.

Mr. K. R. Elankath : I shall just explain, Sir.

Mr. Kochikal P. Balakrishnan Tampi : Sir, is it a parliamentary expression ?

President : ' Unscrupulous ', when used with reference to individuals is unparliamentary. But when used with reference to Government, it may be parliamentary.

Mr. K. R. Elankath : Sir, the Government have been very careful in the matter of looking after their own property while they were not so in the case of other person's properties. I am at a loss to understand why there was this inordinate delay in improving this road which has a voluminous traffic and which, as a result brings a large income through its toll-gates. With these observations I support the motion.

The motion was put to the vote of the House and carried.

The grant was made.

AYURVEDA.

Rao Bahadur Rajyasevanirata Dr. N. Kunjan Pillai: Sir, I move that Government be granted a sum of Rs. 489 for the continuance of the scholarship to Mr. M. N. Kesava Pillai who is studying for the Ayurveda Acharia Diploma in the Benares Hindu University. He was given a scholarship for three years and nine months. In May 1937, he sat for the examination but unfortunately failed owing to causes beyond his control. The professors and the Principal reported well about his work and the progress in his studies. But at the time of the examination there was an outbreak of plague in Benares and there was a fall in the house where he was living. The Principal reported that it was on account of the anxiety caused by the plagues scare that he was not able to pass

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the examination. But for that he might have passed the examination creditably. He has therefore to continue his studies one more year and the Government propose to give him a scholarship for that period also at the rate of Rs. 40 per month.

Mr. G. Narayana Aiyar: Is there any agreement to the effect that he will be appointed in the department as soon as he returns ?

Rao Bahadur Rajyasevanirata Dr. N. Kunjan Pillai: There is no such guarantee by Government. If the Government require his services he may be appointed in a suitable place. If they do not want his services he is at liberty to go elsewhere and find employment. There is no guarantee that he should repay the amount spent on him.

Mr. G. Narayana Aiyar: May I know whether there is not such an examination conducted in the Ayurveda College at Trivandrum ?

Rao Bahadur Rajyasevanirata Dr. N. Kunjan Pillai: Some examination is conducted in the local Ayurveda College. But I am not sure that it is the Ayurveda Acharya Examination. I believe it is the "Vaidya Kalanidhi" Examination that is conducted in the local College.

Mr. Kochikal P. Balakrishnan Tampi: May I know the general qualification of the gentleman ?

Rao Bahadur Rajyasevanirata Dr. N. Kunjan Pillai: He has passed the School Final Examination and also a part of the Intermediate Examination.

The motion for the demand was put to the vote of the House and carried.

The grant was made.

INDUSTRIES INCLUDING CLAY REFINING AND PORCELAIN FACTORY.

Mr. C. Kumara Das: Sir, I beg to move for a grant of Rs. 1,01,200 under the following items of expenditure ;

(1) For the purchase of two drill motion power looms for the manufacture of drill and twill clothes in the Central Technological Institute, Trivandrum—Rs. 1,200.

(ii) For provision under Debt Heads ; Investments on Reproductive works, for purchase of new machinery etc. for the Ceramic Factory, Kundara, 1,00,000.

Sir, since the stores Purchase Committee began to function this year Government have decided that as far as possible all the stores required must be supplied by Government Departments which can do so. And in pursuance of that policy Government

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[Mr C. Kumara Das.]

have decided that the Department of Industries should supply as far as possible all the clothes that may be required by other departments. The Central Technological Institute does not possess the machinery required for the manufacture of all these clothes. But we have got sufficient accommodation in the Institute to instal some new machinery and the necessary power to run the machinery is also available. So if these machines, *viz.*, two drill motion power looms, are purchased drill and twill clothes required for the use of other departments can be manufactured in the Institute. It is for that purpose this demand for Rs. 1,200 is made.

The second item is for the grant of one lakh of rupees for the Ceramic Factory at Kundara. Sir, in the budget for the present year, Rs. $2\frac{1}{4}$ lakhs have been provided for the factory. Out of this a sum approximating to Rs. 60,000 had to be paid this year for the purchase of machinery which were ordered last year. It was expected when the machinery were ordered last year that they would arrive in time to be paid for from the sum allotted for that purpose last year. But the machinery did not arrive in time; therefore they had to be paid for from the allotment of this year. Hence an additional allotment of Rs. 40,000 is required for the purchase of machinery and of Rs. 1,000 for the transport thereof.

When the original estimates were submitted it was expected that the packing of the refined China clay could be done in gunny bags. But packing in wooden casks is found to be better and for this purpose the soft woods available in our forests can be utilised. For making these casks certain types of machinery are required. And for this an amount of Rs. 20,000 may be needed. It is necessary also that the factory should have boring machines to bore holes to discover the depths to which China clay can be exploited and also to bore holes in order to tap sources of water required for the process of refining China clay. For that purpose Rs. 10,000 is required. On the whole an amount of about a lakh of rupees is required. And I request that the House would be pleased to sanction this amount.

Mr. M. K. Ananthasiva Aiyar: Is there no river or lake near the Ceramic Factory?

Mr. C. Kumara Das: There is a small stream flowing near by, but it is not a perennial one. Investigations are being carried out to see how far the water from this stream could be utilised by the factory. But some other sources have also to be found to provide a constant supply of water.

Mr. M. K. Ananthasiva Aiyar: May I know how far is the nearest lake from the factory?

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Mr. C. Kumara Das: The Ashtamudi Lake lies only a few feet from the factory. But the water from it cannot be utilised as it is brackish.

Mr. Kochikal P. Balakrishnan Tampi; May I know the total amount that would be required before fine clay is manufactured in the factory ?

Mr. C. Kumara Das: Something over 5 lakhs of rupees may be required.

Mr. Kottur Kunjukrishna Pillai: May I know why this was not included in the original estimate ?

Mr. C. Kumara Das: As I said earlier, about 40,000 rupees is now required for the purchase of the machinery, because the machinery ordered last year arrived only very late and could not be paid for from the last year's allotment. The other items also I have explained.

President: The idea is to use the woods available in our forests as far as possible.

The motion was put to the vote of the House and carried.

The grant was made.

AGRICULTURE AND FISHERIES.

Mr. K. R. Narayana Aiyar: Sir, I beg to move for a grant of Rs. 6,594 under the following two items of expenditure :—

(i) the appointment, temporarily, of two veterinary Inspectors on Rs. 50-75 each and staff at Minachil and Perumbavur for carrying on a compaign against anthrax—Rs. 1,844.

(ii) the erection of the cold storage plant in the Fisheries Section of the Agricultural Department—Rs. 4,750.

Sir, with regard to the first item a report was received early in the month of Kanni this year that anthrax had broken out in several villages in the taluks of Minachil and Todupuzha and that cattle were dying in large numbers on account of this disease. As soon as the report was received, the Veterinary Superintendent proceeded to the spot to make enquiries and investigations accompanied by the Tahsildar of Minachil and the Sanitary Circle Officer, Kottayam. They inspected the villages, advised the ryots on the sanitary measures to be adopted to check the spread of the disease and carried on inoculations with anti-anthrax serum. Sir, anthras is a very serious disease among cattle and when once the animal is afflicted with it, it is impossible to save it. The disease is borne by germs through the agency of air, water and soil and has become almost endemic in the taluks of Minachil and Todupuzha. It spreads chiefly through the ignorance of ryots who seldom adopt any

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